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The Honorable Leverett Saltonstall
United States Senate
Washington, D. C.

Dear Senator Saltonstall:

We understand that there is now before the Armed Services Committee a bill to authorize Government support of an Antarctic expedition. Such an expedition, whether carried out under the auspices proposed in S. 3381 or otherwise, appears to us to be in the national interest, inasmuch as there is a paucity of information on this area. While much of an expedition's findings will be of value to other departments of the Government, this Agency is concerned with any information bearing on the area and the activities of other nations in the area. Delay in the authorization of an expedition would certainly be detrimental to our overall intelligence respecting Antarctica.

I trust, therefore, that legislation to authorize and finance an Antarctic expedition may be considered during the present session of the Congress.

Sincerely,

SIGNED

Allen W. Dulles
Director

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The Honorable Leverett Saltonstall
United States Senate
Washington, D. C.

Dear Senator Saltonstall:

We are familiar with S. 3381, which is now before the Armed Services Committee ~~introduced by Senator Case of South Dakota. This bill proposes~~ an Antarctic expedition, which to us appears to be in the national interest, inasmuch as there is a paucity of information on this area. While much of the ~~area~~ expedition's findings will be of value to other departments of the Government, this Agency is concerned with any information bearing on the area and the activities of other nations in the area. Delay would certainly be detrimental to our overall intelligence respecting Antarctica.

Such an expedition, whether carried out under the resources proposed in S. 3381 or otherwise, in the authorization of an expedition, I trust, therefore, that the legislation may be considered during the present session of the Congress.

Sincerely,

Allen W. Dulles
Director

To authorize and finance an Antarctic expedition